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RE : COMPLAINT AGAINST SHEILA SMOOT, JEFFERSON COUNTY
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I would like to file a complaint regarding violations of Federal Election campaign finance law by Sheila Smoot in Alabama's 7th Congressional District for the 2010 election.

Through numerous blog postings, Twitter and Facebook conversations, and successive calls and exploration of the F.E.C. Website, it is clear that Jefferson County Commissioner Sheila Smoot is raising money for a potential federal Congressional campaign through numerous sources and not reporting it as required.

According to Martin Weinberg, who is tied to the campaign, and who he says is the Deputy Campaign Manager, the campaign has raised "several thousand dollars" last week in donations.

* SEE DOCUMENT # 1

There is no Form (1) on Sheila Smoot or on her campaign committee or on Progressive Electorate, though it claims to be raising money for candidates in Alabama, Minnesota, etc. They both link to ActBlue accounts that are raising money though Weinberg encourages donations be made to Progressive Electorate. Upon further examining, this is a group Weinberg himself started. He says "Progressive Electorate" will match donations made to the ActBlue account for Sheila Smoot.

* SEE DOCUMENT # 2

Smoot's website says "For Congress" but she has yet to file with the FEC or with the U.S. House of Representatives. Her "official" ActBlue account states she has raised \$585 as of April 22, 2009. See: * <http://www.actblue.com/entity/fundraisers/21867>

There are numerous other Facebook, Twitter accounts which show that Smoot is active with various subgroups, but there is no record with FEC or anywhere else.

* <http://www.actblue.com/page/progress2010>.

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Internet Conversation with Martin Weinberg

Sunday, March 22, 2009 7:48 pm

7:37pm Racheal: hey question

7:37pm Martin Weinberg: yes maam

7:37pm Racheal: I saw a link for helping Sheila to some group the other day. I favorited it on my computer now it's gone what was that? Was there some Act Blue site or some group like Progress 2010?

7:38pm Martin Weinberg: progressive electorate -

7:38pm Racheal: did they endorse her or is that how I make out a donation on my check to Sheila?

7:39pm Martin Weinberg: oh here it is.

7:39pm Racheal: Or do I just make Credit Card donations to them?

7:39pm Martin Weinberg:

<http://www.progressiveelectorate.com/showDiary.do?diaryId=966>

credit card donations are better. If you make a donation on this site before sunday it gets matched so if you donate \$20 they donate \$20

7:40pm Racheal: REALLY? How much have you raised already?

7:40pm Martin Weinberg: \$375 on line through that matching program. We just started and nearly \$500 at Sheila's

7:41pm Racheal: how much all together have y'all raised? I know campaigns must cost a lot

7:41pm Martin Weinberg: Several thousand. Yeah this campaign is going to cost over a million total.

7:44pm Martin Weinberg: here is the link - <http://www.actblue.com/page/progress2010>

7:48pm Racheal: Cool ok, so donate at Progressive or at your site or can you do both?

7:51pm Martin Weinberg: Sheila wants you to do both. If you do it through progressive it will get matched.

DOCUMENT # 2

Via Facebook

Update from Smoot 2010, March 18, 2009

To members of Shelia Smoot for Congress - 2010 (link:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=53606032970>)

From: Smoot Shelia (link: <http://www.facebook.com/people/Shelia-Smoot/1502796738>)

Today at 9:37am

Reply

We have hit 103 members. Thanks for joining our group.

We appreciate all your comments and help.

We have one group that is helping us raise money online and they have agreed to match contributions from members of this group from now until this weekend.

click here to learn more and donate - <http://www.actblue.com/page/progress2010>

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Signature: Kamau Azika Date: May 11, 2009

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
this 11th day of May, 2009.

Notary: Corinnel Jugotta Olu

My commission expires 6/11/2011.

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Who's supporting Shelia Smoot

Title & Author	Donors	Total Raised
The Progressive Electorate 2010	8	\$375.00
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